

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Independent Emergency Services, LLC** 's Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **LeSueur County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 25, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-00-1140**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On September 18, 1984, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Le Sueur County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On September 24, 1985, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Le Sueur County.

On November 26, 1985, the Commission approved the initial actual costs Central Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Le Sueur County.

On March 11, 1986, the Commission approved Central Telephone Company's second cost certification.

On December 29, 1988, the Commission approved Central Telephone Company's third cost certification.

On October 31, 1996, the Commission approved U.S. West Communications costs incurred for placing a portion of Automatic Numbering Identification A(ANI) and Local Location Identification (LLI) in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in LeSueur County.

On May 17, 1999, the Commission approved Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company incurred for placing a portion of tandem based ANI in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in LeSueur County.

On August 29, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Kasson Mantorville Telephone

Company incurred in providing interexchange circuits for tandem based ANI service in the 911 Emergency Services system in LeSueur County.

CURRENT FILING

On July 28, 1998, LeSueur County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation tandem based 911 Automatic Number Identification (ANI) system.

On July 21, 2000, IES installed 2 trunks from the Kasson Router to the LeSueur Exchange.

On August 14, 2000, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing additional trunks to enhance the tandem based ANI services to some of the exchanges in the 911 Emergency Services system in LeSueur County.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of enhancing ANI services to some of the exchanges in LeSueur County. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Independent Emergency Services, LLC has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in LeSueur County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in LeSueur County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for LeSueur County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-00-1140.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this _____ day of

_____, 2000.

Notary Public